

REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Several of the pending claims have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note, in the Preliminary Amendment dated April 12, 2001, two of the claims were inadvertently numbered as claim "188". Of these two claims, Applicants have cancelled the one which appears first.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted concurrently herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and modified form PTO-1449. A copy of the IDS and PTO-1449 is attached hereto. The documents listed in the PTO-1449 are documents which were cited and provided in parent applications of the above-referenced application, namely App. Serial No. 09/545,648 filed April 10, 2000, which is a continuation of App. Serial No. 09/161,090 filed September 25, 1998. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. §609, copies of the documents listed in the modified Form PTO-1449 are not provided herewith.

It is believed that the Examiner may find the documents cited in the modified Form PTO-1449 material to the patentability of one or more of the claims in the above-

captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner make his consideration of these references formally of record with the initial Office Action.

Furthermore, the construction or interpretation of a number of terms have been considered in a *Markman* opinion issued in Rambus Inc. v. Infineon Technologies A.G., et al, U.S. District Court For Eastern District of Virginia. This litigation involves U.S. Patents which share common ancestry to the instant Application. A number of claims pending in the instant application incorporate the terms "bus" and "block size". A discussion of "bus" may be found on pages 17-41 and a discussion of "block size" may be found on pages 41-47 of the *Markman* opinion.

By submission of this *Markman* opinion, Applicants make no statement as to the correctness of the constructions set forth therein. Indeed, as is apparent from that opinion, the court substantially adopted the constructions proposed by the defendants, and not that construction proposed by Rambus, the owner of the instant application. A copy of the *Markman* opinion is enclosed with the IDS.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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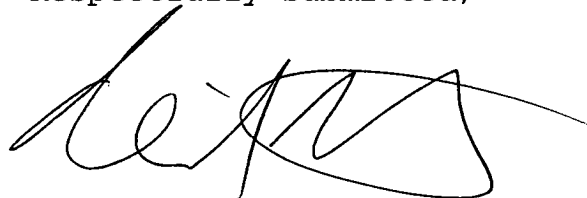
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CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application. Applicants submit that all of the claims present patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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